

**Open Lands Board**  
**Minutes – Meeting #12**  
**May 15, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the County Commissioners Meeting Room**

**I. Meeting Called to Order – Dan Walker –Chair, at 7:05 PM**

**A. Roll Call (See Attachment A, Roll Call Sheet)**

**Board Members:**

Dan Dunagan – Present  
Jim Ellingson –Unexcused  
Rob Johnson – Present  
Dan Kraft – Present  
Gary Leese – Excused  
Alan Maki – Present  
Kent Meyers –Present

Mike Moore- Present  
John Ormiston – Present  
Mike Pfliger – Present  
Craig Siphers – Present  
Tim Tackes – Excused  
Dan Walker - Present

**Planning Staff**

Kimberli Conder

**B. Review and approval of Minutes – February 21, 2008 Meeting**

- The minutes were approved as written.

**C. Amendments to Agenda**

- There were none.

**D. Public comment – Items not on the agenda**

- There were none.

**II. Old Business**

**A. Subcommittee/task force updates-tasks completed, reappointments**

**(i) Technical and conservation subcommittee**

**(ii) Education and outreach**

- **Dan Walker** proposed that the sub committees be disbanded for the time being. Dan stated that the goals have been reached and the community knows what this board's objectives are and that we are ready and open for business. He suggested that the committees start over with a new chairs, and new goals and objectives. These committees have completed the set objectives and now some new things need to be done with each respective committee. At the next meeting there will be a full board again so this can be discussed once that happens. The Board agreed.

## **B. Future Committee tasks**

## **C. Progress on appointment of new OLB Member**

- The BCC is meeting next week to make the decision on the two candidates who interviewed.

## **III. New Business**

### **A. Discussion with Gavin Ricklefs of the Bitterroot Land Trust**

- **Gavin** stated that one of the goals here is to make the public aware that the OLB and The Land Trust are partners. He stated that he wanted to let the board know what he has been hearing from landowners regarding the OLB Bond. As of now, with the zoning project, SSC etc, all happening in the county right now is affecting why there is not more interest in this program. It is sort of like program overload. People cannot get educated because there is so much on their plates now.
- **Gavin** also said that most people are feeling that a one time payment from the OLB is not going to be enough as a lot of these landowners are sitting by looking at the long term.
- **Gavin** brought up that we need to think of an effective way to market this because people are not so trusting of the county right now. There needs to be a way to make people know that this is a good thing and that there is no catch.

## **IV. Ravalli Planning Staff: Updates and Report**

## **V. Future meeting dates, proposed agenda items, and guest speakers**

- **Mike P.** stated that maybe it would be a good idea to go over the first and perhaps even the second projects together as a board. He thought that this would be good so that everyone would have an idea what goes into the evaluation and the entire process and then decide on a committee for that.
- **Dan Walker** stated that he would like to see the board host a workshop in the fall around September/October. This would be for landowners so that people can see what this is all about. It might be a good idea to have it co-sponsored by RTFR.
- **Next Scheduled Meeting –June 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

## **VI. Adjourn**

- Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.